

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants amended the claims as presented in the English translation of the Amendment under PCT Article 34 to the International application PCT/JP2003/012754. The English translation of the publication WO 2004/111412 of the International application PCT/JP2003/012754, and the English translation of the PCT Amendment under article 34 are enclosed herewith. Dependent Claims 9, 10, and 11 are amended to avoid multiple dependency and to comply with U.S. rules. The newly added dependent Claims 14, 15, and 16 correspond to the originally filed claims 9, 10 and 11, respectively, but avoid multiple dependency. In making these amendments care has been taken to ensure that no new matter has been added and that the claims remain supported by the specification.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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